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**Operating Residential Programs** 

# **DEFINITION**:

Sexual assault is defined as any sexual interaction that is perpetrated:

- 1) against the victim's will;
- 2) without consent; and
- 3) in an aggressive, exploitative, manipulative, or threatening manner.

It may include oral, anal, vaginal, digital, penile or objectile penetration and may involve touching, rubbing, fondling, or exposure to sexual materials. An individual who displays sexual deviance (e.g. object fetishes, excessive masturbation, etc.) would not be included. Sexual assault of a consumer by someone other than another consumer would be defined as abuse and should be handled accordingly (see Directive 534-02-DD: Procedures for Preventing and Reporting Abuse, Neglect, or Exploitation of People Receiving Services from DDSN or a Contracted Provider Agency).

### PURPOSE:

To provide preventive measures prior to, procedural steps in case of, and appropriate follow-up after sexual assaults.

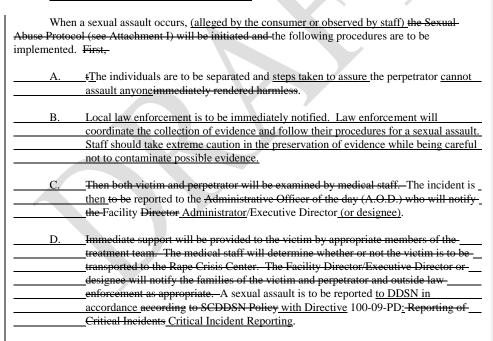
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#### ACTION:

### I. Prevention

- A. Each individual who is scheduled for placement in a DDSN funded residential setting will be screened by a residential treatment team to determine what, if any, risk they present to others in that residence of sexual aggression or a sexual assault. This screening should include a review of the individual's history of any inappropriate sexual activity.
- B. If this screen indicates a risk to others, the team following a more complete assessment, will develop a treatment plan that will address the risk. This plan should include specific training objectives, a Behavioral Support Plan, counseling/therapy, assignment of the appropriate accountability level, and/or environmental adaptations, such as door alarms.

### II. Procedures in the Event of a Sexual Assault



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### III. Treating the Victim

- A. Upon completion of the medical examination <u>or other procedures as dictated by law enforcement, and referral to the Rape Crisis Center,</u> if appropriate, the victim should receive immediate support from a team member who has positive rapport.
- B. The victim should and be placed be on Level I supervision until the support team can meet and develop a treatment plan that is designed to help the victim deal with the emotional trauma stemming from the assault.
- C. Medical treatment for any physical injuries should be provided as soon as possible.
- All team members are to give support to the victim keeping in mind the effects of trauma. Stabilization counseling, psychological counseling, psychiatric intervention, and sex counseling are a few of the treatment choices that may be considered.

### IV. Treating the Perpetrator

If not incarcerated as a result of the assault, Ithe perpetrator is to be placed immediately on an interim level of supervision that would eliminate a future occurrence until the treatment team can meet to discuss a treatment plan. The level of supervision will be adjusted in a revised treatment plan requiring the approval of the Facility Director Administrator/Executive Director. Examples of treatment approaches include sexuality training, referral to sex counselor, use of medication to reduce sexual urges, referral to a more restrictive environment, or criminal prosecution.

## V. Family Notification

The parents/guardians/family representative of both the perpetrator and victim should be notified of the incident as soon as possible by the Facility Administrator/Executive Director (or designee). This notice should not occur if the victim or perpetrator has explicitly requested that contact not be made (this is not applicable for court appointed legal guardians).

## VI. Follow-up

The safety of all individuals is critical and should be the major focus at each facility. In the event of a sexual assault, the Executive Staff of the facility will review the incident in an effort to determine what changes in the system need to occur to prevent or deter similar occurrences.

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100-09-DD: Critical Incident Reporting | 534-01-DD Reporting Allegations of Abuse

534-02-DD: Procedures for Preventing and Reporting Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation of

People Receiving Services from DDSN or a Contract Provider Agency

536-01-DD: Social-Sexual Development

